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Dear Sirs,

re: European patent No. 0.698.162 (Appl.No. 94915725.9)
in the name of: VÄLINGE ALUMINIUM AB.
OPPOSITION.

Further to our notice of opposition filed on 4 January 1999
(translation in English filed on 14 January 1999), in the name of
Unilin Decor NV, we would like to add following additional relevant
prior art document to the opposition:

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This document discloses prior art which is comparable with the prior
art already disclosed in US 4.426.820, and consequently the same
arguments are valuable.

Furthermore, this document also discloses the feature that the locking
strip may be formed out of a material which is different from the
material of the panel, similar as the embodiments shown in the drawings
of the opposed patent.

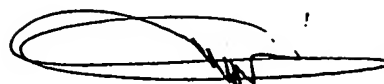
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A copy of the above-mentioned document is enclosed.

Yours faithfully.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, loopy 'E' followed by a series of smaller, connected strokes that form the rest of the name.

E.Donn  M.Sc.
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P.S.: Referring to our telephone conversation with Ms. Nordmark,
we enclose a copy of pages 31 and 34 which were missing in the
translation filed on 14 January 1999.

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prior art documents to the opposition:

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NL 7601773.

NL 7601773 discloses a building panel, more particularly a wall panel,
which is comparable with the prior art already disclosed in
DE 2.917.025, and consequently the same arguments are valuable.

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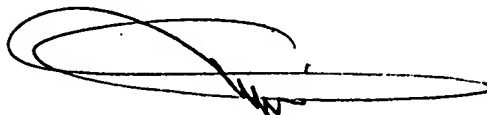
JP 5-148984.

JP 5-148984 discloses a panel clearly showing all features of at least claim 1 of the opposed patent. The coupling shown in this document is comparable with the prior art already disclosed in WEBSTER'S, and therefore the same arguments are valuable.

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A copy of the title page and the drawings of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed.

Yours faithfully.



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